

1. (Twice Amended) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a Banana Streak Virus promoter sequence selected from:

(a) the promoter sequence of a Nigerian isolate of Banana Streak Virus shown in SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) a promoter sequence of an isolate of Banana Streak Virus having a sequence that is at least 95% identical to the promoter sequence of SEQ ID NO:2,

wherein said promoter sequence of (a) or (b) when operably linked to a transcribable sequence, promotes transcription of the transcribable sequence in one or more cells of a *Musaceae* plant.

3. (Twice Amended) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a Banana Streak Virus promoter sequence, which promoter sequence:

(i) selectively hybridizes under stringent conditions with a polynucleotide complementary to a polynucleotide which has the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2;

wherein said stringent conditions comprise overnight hybridization at 65°C in 0.25M Na₂HPO₄, pH 7.2, 6.5% SDS, 10% dextran sulfate and a final wash at 60°C in 0.1x SSC, 0.1% SDS, and;